

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 5, 8, 31 and 56-77 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend the remaining claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A DNA segment comprising a protein coding region encoding an Osterix polypeptide, wherein said polypeptide comprises a transactivation domain, a zinc finger domain and a proline rich domain.

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cancelled
and
amended
- (Amended) The DNA segment of claim 1, wherein said transactivation domain comprises an amino acid sequence from between position 27 and position 270 of SEQ ID NO:2.

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- (Amended) The DNA segment of claim 1, wherein said zinc finger domain comprises an amino acid sequence from between position 290 and position 374 of SEQ ID NO:2.

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- (Amended) The DNA segment of claim 1, wherein said proline rich domain comprises an amino acid sequence from between position 27 and position 192 of SEQ ID NO:2.

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, applicants elect Group I, claims 1-30 and 32-55, without traverse. In response to the election of species for claim 1, applicants elect the transactivation domain of claim 2. Applicants are providing an amendment that renders all